of the available supplies at the proposed dam site and the sharing of them, the question of making a detailed investigation of the scheme and preparing detailed plans and estimates will be taken up.

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know whether portions of the Kurnool and Cuddapah districts will be included in the scheme?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"I cannot say until the scheme is worked out completely."

S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur:—"Will the hon. Member be pleased to state whether some portions of the Kurnool and Cuddapah districts will come under the project?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The question is under investigation."

The Maranthai channel in the Tinnevelly district.

* 314 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the Maranthai channel under the Chittar river in the Tinnevelly district what progress has taken place since March 1933, in regard to—

(i) the settlement of the question of contribution for improvements; and

(ii) the revision, sanction and execution of the estimates for repairs and improvements?

A.—A revised estimate was forwarded by the Chief Engineer to the Collector and the Board of Revenue on 4th October. It awaits acceptance by the zamindars and inamdars interested in the channel. The scheme cannot be taken up until their consent is obtained and until after a report is received from the Collector and the Board of Revenue and considered by the Government.

Mr. DANIEL THOMAS:—"May I know whether there has been any further progress in this matter?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"The zamindars and inamdars who are affected, have been asked to give their opinions."

Provision of a permanent structure at the Korambu in Jedarpalayam, Salem district.

* 315 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the hon. Member has inspected the Korambu at Jedarpalayam in Namakkal taluk of the Salem district recently;

(*b*) if so, when;

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(c) whether there is any proposal to put up a permanent structure there to divert water into the channel; and

(d) if so, what it is and at what stage it is?

A.—(a) & (b) The answer to clause (a) is in the negative.

(c) & (d) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer given to question No. 78 at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 2nd August 1933.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that the temporary structure there, is giving trouble often?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I think it is quite likely; probably it has constantly to be repaired, as korambus generally have to be."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I ask, Sir, whether the Government have got any proposal to construct a fairly permanent structure there?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"No, Sir."

Landlord and Tenant

Motion for the consideration of the Madras Estates Land Act (Amendment) Bill.

* 316 Q.—Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why he refrained from making the motion for the consideration of the Report of the Select Committee on the Madras Estates Land Act (Amendment) Bill on the 30th January last; and

(b) what his present reasons are for bringing forward the same motion now?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the speech of the hon. the Member for Revenue at pages 471–472 of the Proceedings of the Legislative Council, dated the 30th January 1933, in connexion with the motion.

(b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the speech of the hon. the Revenue Member on the 30th October, when moving that the Bill be taken into consideration.

Public Service

Inadmissibility of acting allowance to permanent lower division clerks acting in the upper division.

* 317 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) why the officiating allowance for a permanent lower division clerk in the Secretariat departments for his duties as upper division clerk has been withdrawn;